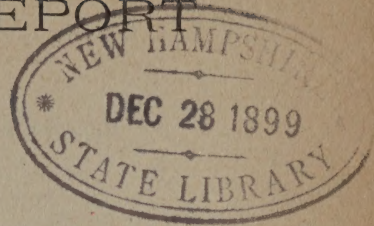


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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—



Selectmen, Treasurer,

—AND—

Superintending School Committee,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF NEWTON,

N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 1. 1884.

HAVERHILL:

MITCHELL & HOYT, PRINTERS, NO. 4 MAIN STREET.
1884.

OFFICERS BIENNIALLY ELECTED.

Representative to the General Court.

WALTER C. GALE.

Supervisors of Check List.

JOHN S. PEASLEE.

DAVID C. PRESCOTT.

WALTER C. GALE.

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY.

Town Clerk.

WALTER C. GALE.

Selectmen.

ALMON F. DRAKE.

SIMEON ROWELL.

JAMES B. KIMBALL.

Town Treasurer.

HERVEY N. GOULD.

Collector.

ENOCH H. NICHOLS.

Superintending School Committee

DANIEL L. CRAFTS.

DR. F. H. MORSE.

Constables.

JOHN GORDON.

BENJAMIN F. WAKEFIELD.

Auditors.

WILLIAM W. WILDER.

WILLIAM W. BOSWELL.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVOICE APRIL 1, 1883.

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| Land and buildings, | \$269,618 00 |
| Polls, No 293, | 29,300 00 |
| Horses, " 146, | 7,825 00 |
| Oxen, " 24, | 1,430 00 |
| Cows, " 166, | 4,305 00 |
| Neat, " 20, | 323 00 |
| Sheep, " 88, | 418 00 |
| Hogs, " 13, | 142 00 |
| Carriages, " 13, | 1,400 00 |
| Money, | 11,815 00 |
| Stock in trade, | 18,292 00 |
| Steam engine and shoe machinery, | 4,540 00 |
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| | \$349,498 00 |

On which the Selectmen have assessed the following amount, at one dollar and thirty cents per \$100, and the highway tax at twenty-five cents per \$100:

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| State tax, | \$768 00 | |
| County tax, | 968 22 | |
| Town charges, | 2,000 00 | |
| Schools, | 672 00 | |
| Percentage, | 134 08 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,542 30 |
| Resident highway tax committed to surveyor, | \$688 14 | |
| Non-resident highway tax to collector, | | 185 38 |
| Dog tax, | | 78 00 |
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| Total committed to collector in 1883, | | \$4,805 68 |

ABATEMENTS.

| | |
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| Sylvanus Bartlett, dog, 1881 and 1882, | 2 00 |
| Frank Severance, " " | 1 00 |
| N. S. Crafts, poll and dog, school house, | 2 51 |
| Orrin Kimball, poll, 1882, | 1 27 |
| W. G. Durgin, school house and poll tax, 1882, | 1 51 |
| Bradley N. Haynes, " " | 1 27 |
| Albert Peaslee " " | 1 27 |
| J. B. Hartford, school house and poll tax, 1882, | 1 51 |
| G. B. Dudley, " " " | 1 51 |
| John Meyers, " 1881, | 1 70 |
| Arthur Hatch, " " | 1 95 |
| George Clifford, " " | 1 70 |
| Sylvester Falls, " " | 1 70 |
| Stephen Haggett, " " | 1 95 |
| John Chase, " 1882, | 1 27 |
| George H. Elwell, overtaxed, " " | 10 08 |
| Andrew Currier, dog, " " | 1 00 |
| Louisa Brown, overtaxed, 1883, | 1 55 |
| Eugene Bartlett, poll, " " | 1 30 |
| James A. Brown, " " " | 1 30 |
| John Emery, dog, " " | 1 00 |
| George J. Forebrother, dog, " " | 1 00 |
| Sylvanus Clifford, " " died, | 1 00 |
| Willie Badger, " " " | 1 00 |
| John R. Harvey, " " " | 1 00 |
| John L. Pressy, " " " | 1 00 |
| William L. Bartlett, " " " | 1 00 |
| Clephas Pelont, " " " | 1 00 |
| John C. Bartlett, heirs on acct. of highway, | 5 58 |

MONEY RECEIVED.

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| From state treasurer, on acct. of taxes on savings bank money, out of the state, in 1879, | \$128 00 |
| County, on same account, | 176 34 |
| State R. R. tax, | 94 31 |
| " savings bank tax, | 95 85 |
| " literary fund, | 73 95 |
| " on crows and woodchucks, | 4 70 |
| County on acc. of Glover children, | 160 00 |
| " " A. J. Burbeck, | 78 00 |
| " " Napoleon Landery, | 6 75 |
| " Dr. Perry's bill for Burbeck, | 5 00 |
| " Dr. Leslie's " Glover children, | 7 50 |
| " Frank Ellis's fare to Dover, | 80 |
| H. LaFavor and Oscar Hoyt, for sheep killed, | 5 00 |
| H. N. Gould, oversight in 1882, | 30 69 |
| " bargain with selectmen to act as treasurer, | 70 00 |
| Town hall, | 38 20 |
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| | \$975 09 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

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| To bonds, | \$19,600 00 |
| Coupons not paid March 1st, 1884, | 1,002 00 |
| Albert Jones, for sheep killed, | 6 00 |
| John Currier, " " | 9 50 |
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| | \$20,617 50 |

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| Balance due upon reimbursement account, | \$13,466 67 |
| U. S. bounty, | 1,179 00 |
| Collector, 1882, | 70 09 |
| “ 1883, | 680 00 |
| County, | 46 50 |
| William A. Buzzell estate, | 67 33 |
| Cash on hand, | 4,190 58 |
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| | \$19,700 17 |
| Town debt over assets, March 1, 1884, | \$917 33 |
| “ reduced during the year, | 727 11 |

ALMON F. DRAKE,
SIMEON ROWELL,
JAMES B. KIMBALL,

Selectmen of Newton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HERVEY N. GOULD, Treasurer, in account with the Town of New-
ton for the year ending March 1st, 1884.

DR.

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| Received of Treasurer, 1883, | \$3,300 03 |
| Selectmen, " | 975 09 |
| Town Clerk, for billiard tables, | 19 00 |
| Wm. W. Boswell, on the C. H. Gurney case, | 1 00 |
| " " S. Barlow " | 3 00 |
| " " Frederick Bastel case, | 1 50 |
| " " Henry Smith, " | 1 50 |
| " " J. Wentworth, " | 5 00 |
| " " Geo. W. Partridge," | 3 00 |
| " " L. Mellows, " | 3 00 |
| " " J. Griffin " | 7 00 |
| J. B. Kimball, collector, 1881, | 33 46 |
| " " 1882, | 881 11 |
| E. H. Nichols, " 1883, | 4,107 95 |
| | \$9,341 64 |

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| By amount paid by order of the selectmen. | |
| Paid State tax, | \$768 00 |
| County tax, | 968 22 |
| School money, | 935 95 |
| Town officers' services, | 252 50 |
| On account of poor, | 512 75 |
| Non-resident highway tax, worked out, | 198 18 |
| Miscellaneous, | 327 46 |
| Interest on bonds, | 1,188 00 |
| Balance cash on hand, | 4,190 58 |
| | \$9,341 64 |

SCHOOL MONEY.

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Paid No. 1, John R. Rowell, | \$129 88 |
| 2, Edward Hayford, | 256 47 |
| 3, Geo. S. Durgin, | 136 37 |
| 4, John S. Peaslee, | 119 70 |
| 5, E. H. Nichols, | 129 91 |
| 6, E. N. George, | 163 62 |
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| | \$935 95 |

TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES.

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| Paid A. F. Drake, selectman and overseer of poor, | \$65 00 |
| Simeon Rowell, " " | 24 50 |
| Jas. B. Kimball, " " | 30 00 |
| H. N. Gould, treasurer, | 25 00 |
| W. C. Gale, town clerk, | 25 00 |
| E. H. Nichols, collector, | 58 00 |
| Daniel L. Crafts, S. S. committee, | 15 00 |
| F. H. Morse, " " | 10 00 |
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| | \$252 50 |

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED OUT.

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| District No. 1, M B. Peaslee, | 43 72 |
| 2, L. J. Bartlett, | 10 55 |
| 3, A. F. Drake, | 30 13 |
| 4, J. H. Gale, | 18 37 |
| 5, P. S. Whittier, | 15 73 |
| 5, " 1882; | 12 81 |
| 6, J. R. Rowell, | 22 24 |
| 7, N. Chase, | 44 63 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$198 18 |

ON ACCOUNT OF POOR.

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| Paid expenses of the Peaslee family, 1883, | 76 50 |
| " " Glover " " | 197 50 |
| " of Mrs. Lucy Wallace, 1883, | 84 00 |
| John Currier, for boarding S. P. | |
| Currier, 1883, | 52 00 |
| A. J. Buttrick, " 1883, | 78 00 |
| Callos Pelont and F. H. Morse, | |
| expenses on Napoleon Landery, | 6 75 |
| Wm. D. Perry, on acct. of O. J. | |
| Burbeck, | 5 00 |
| Expenses of Lewis B. Webster, 1882. | 13 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$512 75 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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| Paid Wingate & Shaw, printing town reports, 1882, | \$14 00 |
| A. F. Drake, distributing town reports, 1882, | 2 65 |
| J. M. Davis, one-half expense of surveying town | |
| line between Plaistow and Newton, 1882, | 5 00 |
| James B. Kimball, distributing inventory blanks, | 3 00 |
| T. O. Reynolds, births and deaths, | 1 00 |
| Bounty on crows and woodchucks, | 4 70 |
| J. R. Rowell, repairs on bridge, Dist. No. 6, | 16 42 |
| E. G. Kelley, setting glass and funnel in lock-up, | 2 60 |
| Wm. Robinson, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| M. P. Rowell, | 3 00 |
| A. M. Davis, | 3 00 |
| Edmund Rowell, | 3 00 |
| G. D. Veal, | 3 00 |
| S. P. Carter, | 3 00 |
| Geo. W. Hoyt, | 3 00 |
| A. F. Drake, postage, paper and ink, | 2 26 |
| D. C. Prescott, supervisor, | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$75 63 |

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|---|----------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i> | \$75 63 |
| D. S. Bartlett, damage done to sheep, 1883, | 5 00 |
| " 4 feet of wood, | 1 75 |
| Sargent & Currier, 52 feet of plank for bridge, Dist. No. 2. | 83 |
| F. H. Morse, births and deaths, | 5 50 |
| W. S. Bailey, police, | 3 00 |
| " fish warden, | 2 00 |
| E. G. Kelley, police, | 10 50 |
| " repairs on lock-up, | 3 00 |
| " fish warden, | 5 00 |
| " boarding 12 tramps, | 6 00 |
| Wm. W. Wilder, lamp, oil, glass, &c., for Town Hall, 1883, | 6 21 |
| P. S. Whittier, driving hearse, | 19 00 |
| " painting and furnishing hearse runners, | 3 00 |
| Wm. H. Boswell, in case of Timothy Cornell, | 10 95 |
| Wm. W. Boswell, | 3 11 |
| Benj. F. Wakefield, police, | 5 00 |
| C. L. Morrill, fish warden, | 5 00 |
| L. J. Bartlett, plank, Dis. No. 2, | 2 42 |
| S. Rowell, repairing guide boards, | 1 75 |
| " fare and expenses to Exeter, | 1 60 |
| Walter P. Drake, sawing 2 1-2 cords of wood and carrying into town hall, | 1 40 |
| Paying State tax, | 5 00 |
| H. N. Gould, two receipt books, | 70 |
| William A. Buzzell, last sickness and funeral ex- penses, | 67 33 |
| J. Horace Kent, reward for arrest and conviction of the Beck man, | 50 00 |
| S. Rowell, fare to Dover for tramp, | 80 |
| " bridge timbers, Dis. No. 7, | 1 80 |
| John Gordon, plank and lumber for bridge, Dis. No. 7, | 18 18 |
| Walter Wilder, services as janitor town hall, | 6 00 |
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| | \$327 46 |

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

J. B. KIMBALL, 1881.

To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1882, \$33 46

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By collections to March 1, 1884, \$23 46

Abatements, 10 00

\$33 46

DR.

J. B. KIMBALL, 1882.

To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1883, \$976 40

CR.

By collections to March 1, 1884, \$881 11

Abatements, 25 20

Uncollected taxes, March 1, 1884, 70 09

\$976 40

DR.

E. H. NICHOLS.

To tax list, \$4,805 68

CR.

By collections to March 1, 1884, \$4,107 95

Abatements, 17 73

Uncollected taxes, March 1, 1884, 680 00

\$4,805 68

Town debt over assets, March 1, 1884, 917 33

" reduced during the year, 727 11

HERVEY N. GOULD, Town Treasurer.

NEWTON, Feb. 28th, 1884.

We have this day examined the above accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them properly vouched for and correctly kept.

WM. W. WILDER, }
WM. W. BOSWELL, } Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

To the Selectmen of the town of Newton, the following report of the Superintending School Committee is respectfully submitted:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Mr. John Currier, Prudential Committee.

Miss Alice Wilder of Newton, teacher.

Miss Wilder has shown herself to be well adapted to fill the position of teacher in all respects. Her pupils have advanced rapidly under her instruction; both teacher and scholars seem to have been adapted to each other. The order has been excellent and the school exhibited signs of intellectual growth.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

E. Hayford, Prudential Committee.

Miss Nella Sanborn of Kingston, teacher.

This school commenced the year with Miss Sanborn as teacher, a young woman of most excellent character and in every way fitted to impart instruction. Her pupils became warmly attached to her and showed marked progress. To the sincere regret of all interested, Miss S. left shortly before the close of the first term (when the Superintending School Committee was under the necessity of closing the school on account of diphtheria), securing a better position. At the commencement of the next term, Miss Emma L. Nelson of East Kingston, was engaged to take charge of the school. She has given excellent satisfaction and the pupils have done as well as under any former teacher. Recitations have been first-class; order excellent; progress No. 1.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

George S. Durgin, Prudential Committee.

Miss M. A. Gould of Newton, teacher.

Miss Gould commenced her work under embarrassing circumstances, some few in the town being prejudiced against her. She has done well; has had splendid order, and her pupils, in passing examination, displayed excellent progress. She has been unwearied in her efforts, and the kindness and patience exercised on her part was evident in the clear understanding on the part of the pupils of the branches taught.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

J. S. Peaslee, Prudential Committee.

Miss E. Kelly of Newton, teacher.

This school has done as well under Miss Kelly's careful training as heretofore; recitations have been satisfactory in all particulars, the order has been as good as in any school in town, and Miss Kelly may well congratulate herself in having met with such brilliant success.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Charles A. Kimball, Prudential Committee.

Miss Abbie Nelson of East Kingston, teacher.

This school has suffered somewhat in having had a change of teachers. It commenced the school year with Miss Emma L. Nelson of East Kingston as teacher, who at the close of the first term was engaged to fill the place of Miss Sanborn in District No. 2. Her sister, Miss Abbie Nelson, became her successor. This being her first attempt at teaching, too much cannot be said in her favor, and, as might well be expected, under the practical combination of such excellent abilities as displayed by her, this school shows very marked progress, and is in every way in as healthy a condition as any school in town.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

H. J. Walker, Prudential Committee.

Miss M. E. Boswell of Newton, teacher.

This school has maintained its hitherto excellent reputation. In

all my experience I have never seen a school better managed. Miss B. is peculiarly adapted not only to occupy her position as teacher, but also to fill a wide margin of difference between the two. Recitations and discipline A No. 1.

Notwithstanding the changing of teachers, the schools are in a flourishing condition. I found it necessary to remove some of the text books and replace them by others of a more advanced grade. The new books are giving excellent satisfaction in all respects. There has been no high school the past year. We hesitate not to say that it is a fatal mistake not to encourage every educational advantage to the furthest possible limit, and sooner or later such mistake will be discovered. For good and sufficient reasons known to the people generally I felt justified in severing my pastoral relations with the Baptist church in this town, which act brought me under the necessity of resigning the superintendency of the schools. My successor, Dr. F. H. Morse, is abundantly qualified to manage this very important matter in all respects, and will doubtless give better satisfaction than

Your humble servant,

DANIEL L. CRAFTS,

Superintending School Committee.

Accepting as I did the office of Supt. of Schools near the close of the second and last term of all the schools except District No 2, it hardly gave me a fair chance to note their progress but judging from what I did observe and from information I obtained from my predecessor, Mr. Crafts, my report will so nearly coincide with his that I consider repetition unnecessary. The teachers have all seemed very earnest in the discharge of their duties and the schools have made very good progress. Some of the teachers have labored under the disadvantage of not having a uniformity of text books in the important branches of study. This is especially noticed in the writing books, of which I found in one school no less than seven varieties of copy books, published by as many different firms. The unusual interest often awakened by competition is not to be found unless a

uniformity of text books exists. At the present time there is in Dist No. 6 a private school under the instruction of Miss M. E. Boswell, which is attended by all the scholars in the district. Such a school being taught by the same teacher is a valuable auxiliary to the regular terms.

F. H. MORSE,

Supt. of Schools.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF OUR SCHOOLS.

| No. of School Districts. | No. of terms. | Length of schools in weeks. | Wages of teachers per mo. | Whole No. of pupils in schools. | Average No. pupils. | Average daily attendance. | No. pupils not absent. | No. visits by Supt. Com. | No. visits by Prudential Com. | No. visits by citizens. | No. of boys. | No. of girls. | No. pupils studying reading. | No. pupils studying spelling. | No. pupils studying penman's p. | No. pupils studying arithmetic. | No. pupils studying geography. | No. pupils studying grammar. | No. pupils studying history. | No. pupils studying composition. | No. pupils studying algebra. | No. pupils studying bookkeeping. | No. pupils studying physiology. | No. pupils studying drawing. | No. pupils studying music. |
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